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SUBJECT: SOVIET CRITICISM OF US CIVIL AIR POSITION

1. TASS ECONOMIC VESTNIK FOR APRIL 5 CARRIES A REPORT ON A PRESS CONFERENCE HELD BY DEPUTY MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION PAVLOV DEVOTED TO THE NEW AEROFLOT SUMMER TIME-TABLE IN WHICH PAVLOV EXPRESSED DISSATISFACTION OVER THE REDUCTION OF FLIGHTS BETWEEN THE US AND USSR. ACCORDING TO TASS, HE SAID, "WE HAVE RETURNED TO THE POSITION FROM WHICH OUR COOPERATION BEGAN WITH PAN AM." THIS SUMMER AEROFLOT AND PAN AM WILL PERFORM ONLY TWO FLIGHTS PER WEEK EACH BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES. THIS WAS THE SITUATION BEFORE 1973 WHEN THE PARTIES AGREED TO DOUBLE THE FREQUENCY OF SCHEDULED FLIGHTS AND DEVELOP CHARTER FLIGHTS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES. PAVLOV THEN SAID, "WE BELIEVE THIS AGREEMENT WAS EFFECTIVE FOR THREEE YEARS AND THAT IT WAS BENEFICIAL TO BOTH COUNTRIES."

2. THE US SIDE, ACCORDING TO PAVLOV, NOW INSISTS ON THE REDUCTION OF FLIGHTS ONLY BECAUSE AEROFLOT TRANSPORTS MORE PASSENGERS THAN PAN AM. ONE SHOULD CONSIDER, HE ADDED, THAT THE REASON FOR SUCH A SITUATION IS OBJECTIVE AND IS NOT A RESULT OF SOME INTENDED TENDENCY OF AEROFLOT.

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ACCORDING TO PAVLOV, AT THE RECENT TALKS THE SOVIET DELEGATION PROPOSED A NUMBER OF CONCRETE PROPOSALS BUT, UNFORTUNATELY, NO AGREEMENT WAS REACHED.

3. COMMENT: WE HAVE HEARD INDIRECTLY THAT THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION WAS QUITE ANNOYED WITH WESTERN PRESS REPORTS LATE LAST YEAR WHICH GENERALLY BLAMED THE SOVIET SIDE FOR

THE PRESENT PROBLEMS IN US-USSR CIVAIR RELATIONS. PUBLICATION
OF THIS REPORT IN TASS VESTNIK, WHICH IS READ BY MANY
FOREIGN EMBASSIES HERE, WOULD APPEAR TO BE AN ATTEMPT TO
ASSURE THAT THE SOVIET VERSION OF THE FEBRUARY-MARCH
BILATERAL CIVAIR TALKS IS NOW CIRCULATED OUTSIDE THE USSR.
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